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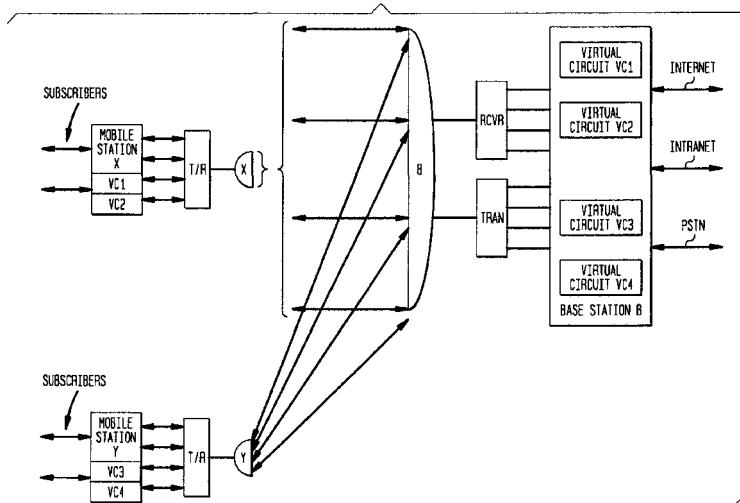
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(54) Adaptive frequency channel assignment based on battery power level in wireless access protocols

(57) A method and system adapt scheduling priorities in a wireless communications system to conserve battery power in mobile stations operating within the system. A base station, within the system, receives battery power level information and other setup information from mobile stations operating within the service area of the base station during call setup procedures. Based

on the battery power level information and other setup information, the base station assigns frequency channels to the mobile stations so that those mobile stations having battery power levels below a threshold value are assigned frequency channels that have lower interference levels than frequency channels assigned to other mobile stations. The frequency channel assignments are transmitted to the mobile stations.

FIG. 1





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1. Claim : 1 2 6 7 8 12 13 17 18 19

In a mobile telecommunications system, the MSs inform the BSs about their battery power level, and depending on this, a frequency channel with a higher or lower interference is assigned.

2. Claim : 3 4 5 9 10 11 14 15 16 20 21 22

In a mobile telecommunications system, the MSs inform the BSs about their battery power level, and according to this battery power level, the transmission of messages from the stations is scheduled, so MSs with lower battery power get priority in the sending and in the delivery of messages.

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